

ATTACHMENT - CLAIMS LISTING

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Previously Presented) A method of preparing an injectable trace element solution, said method consisting essentially of the steps of:

(a) preparing a single solution comprising more than one EDTA-complex as a sodium salt in a single continuous process by suspending either disodium EDTA in water or suspending EDTA acid in water with sodium hydroxide, and adding at least one metal compound selected from the group consisting of metal oxides, metal hydroxides and metal carbonates to the EDTA solution to form the EDTA-complex, wherein the at least one metal compound comprises at least chromium; and

(b) adding sodium selenite to the solution of EDTA-complexes to form the trace element solution.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1, in which the EDTA-complexes comprise at least one additional metal cation components selected from the group consisting of copper, manganese, zinc and molybdenum.

4. (Original) A trace element solution as prepared by a method as claimed in claim 1.

5-7. (Canceled)

8. (Previously Presented) A method of providing trace elements to animals which comprises the steps of preparing a trace element solution as claimed in claim 1, and of providing the solution in a suitable quantity to an animal.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the trace element solution comprises at least three components selected from the group consisting of zinc, manganese, selenium and copper.

11. (Currently Amended) ~~Am~~ A method for preparing an injectable trace element solution, said method comprising:

_____ preparing a single injectable trace element solution comprising trace elements of zinc, manganese, selenium and copper in a continuous process, said solution comprising a metal concentration of said trace elements of 60 mg/ml.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~Am~~ A method for preparing an injectable trace element solution, said method comprising:

_____ preparing a single injectable trace element solution in a continuous process, the solution comprising chromium and at least three other components selected from the

group consisting of zinc, manganese, selenium, and copper, wherein the trace element solution comprises a metal concentration of 60 mg/ml.

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the trace element solution comprises:

- (a) at least 20 mg/ml zinc;
- (b) at least 20 mg/ml manganese;
- (c) at least 5 mg/ml selenium;
- (d) at least 5 mg/ml chromium; and
- (e) at least 10 mg/ml copper.

14. (Currently Amended) An A method for preparing a trace element solution, said method comprising:

_____ preparing a single injectable trace element solution in a continuous process, the solution comprising:

- (a) at least 20 mg/ml zinc;
- (b) at least 20 mg/ml manganese;
- (c) at least 5 mg/ml selenium;
- (d) at least 5 mg/ml chromium; and
- (e) at least 10 mg/ml copper.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the trace element solution comprises a metal concentration of 60 mg/ml.

16. (Canceled)
17. (New) The injectable trace element solution prepared by the method of claim 11.
18. (New) The injectable trace element solution of claim 17, further comprising a chelator selected from the group consisting of EDTA and disodium EDTA.
19. (New) The injectable trace element solution prepared by the method of claim 12.
20. (New) The injectable trace element solution prepared by the method of claim 14.